
NO. 493
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
January 3, 2008
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order First Vice President Richard Dixon, Councilmember, city of Lake Forest. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Yvonne, Burke, Los Angeles County, Immediate Past President	
Hon Richard Dixon, Lake Forest 1 st Vice President	District 13
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, 2 nd Vice President	District 35
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Larry Nelson, City of Aretsia	District 23
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46

Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme,	District 45
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario	SANBAG

Members Not Present

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, President	
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Sharon Quirk, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Andy Masiel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	OCTA

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Dixon called the meeting to order.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jose Andrade, private citizen presented comments regarding MAGLEV project vs. Electric high-speed rail.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.1.4 and 3.1.8 were pulled. A motion was made (Edney) to approve the remaining consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Washburn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of Dec. 6, 2007 Meeting

It was noted that Councilmember Troy Edgar attended the December meeting.

3.1.2 Central Orange County Corridor Study

3.1.3 Harbor Subdivision Alternatives Analysis

3.1.5 Caltrans Planning Grant Applications

3.1.6 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Grant Application

3.1.7 Charter of the District Evaluation Subcommittee

3.1.9 Use of General Funds for SIP White Paper

3.1.10 Letter to Amend High Speed Rail Legislation

3.2 **Receive & File**

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report

3.2.3 2007 State and Federal Legislation Matrix

3.2.4 FY 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Items Pulled

3.1.4 Executive Committee's Legislative Responsibilities – Procedures

On December 6, 2007 it was determined that the Executive Committee would serve as the Legislative Committee. Councilmember Aldinger expressed concerns regarding the Executive Committee serving as a legislative committee. After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended that a legislative committee be created as a separate committee. In addition it was also recommended that the Executive Committee be authorized to take immediate action on legislative matters if the need should arise.

A motion was made (Aldinger) approving the appointment of a Legislative Committee. Motion was SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.8 Guidance for Sponsorship Requests

Councilmember Wapner stated that the Administration Committee approved an additional \$5,000 to be used for USC and Metrans.

A motion was made (Wapner) to approve the additional funding. Motion was SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

4.1 Committee Appointments

Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, was appointed to the CEHD committee.

5.0 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

5.1 Bond Funding Update

Don Rhodes, Manager, Legislative Affairs, stated that Proposition 1B provided for \$2 billion statewide in a Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) for infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. The measure provides that these funds be allocated by the legislature.

During the fall of 2007 the California Transportation Commission (CTC) was directed by Dale Bonner, Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to adopt a program for goods movement priorities to enable the Administration to include a proposal as part of the Governor's FY 2008-09 budget proposal. The CTC adopted its Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) guidelines on November 27, 2007, which means the proposal will probably be added in the Governor's May revision to the budget.

The CTC proposes an additional \$1 billion to come from the State Highway Account and other potential new funding sources.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's report was emailed to the Regional Council. No oral report was given.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Executive Committee Report

7.1.1 Executive Search

Vice President Dixon announced that after completing an extensive national recruiting effort, Hasan Ikhata was selected as Executive Director of SCAG.

A motion was made (Young) ratifying the selection of Hasan Ikhata as Executive Director of SCAG effective immediately, and authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate an employment contract with Mr. Ikhata. Motion was seconded (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Councilmember Dixon also announced that Mr. Ikhata agreed to work in the new position as Executive Director without a contract while negotiations are underway. The Executive Committee will present the contract for ratification by the Regional Council at the February meeting.

7.2 Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

There was no report.

7.3 Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)

7.3.1 Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) creating the So. California High-Speed Transport Authority

Motion was made (Wapner) to approve the JPA creating the California High-Speed Transport Authority with a proviso that a letter be sent to the JPA requesting that the San Gabriel COG be included as a non-voting member. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.4 Administration Committee Report

There was no report.

7.5 Energy and Environment Committee Report (EEC)

7.5.1 Comprehensive Regional Infrastructure and Growth Planning Policy and Strategy

Motion was made (Cook) to approve in concept the draft policy paper for public distribution and comment. Motion was SECONDED (Washburn) and ABSTAINED (Lowe). The motion was approved.

7.6 Membership & Communications Subcommittee

Councilmember Glen Becerra, Chair, reported that several Regional Council and policy committee members have registered for the 2008 Regional Leadership Academy. Councilmember Becerra stated that space is still available for members interested in attending upcoming classes. Members were asked to recruit within their respective jurisdictions as well as encourage participation of the program.

Five days of classes are planned for the first session scheduled for February 8th. The classes are tentatively scheduled to be held on the campus of USC.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no report.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No closed session was held.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

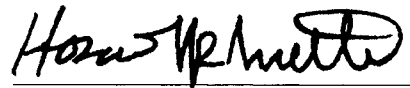
There were no announcements.

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on February 7, 2008
in downtown Los Angeles.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hasan Ikhrata", written over a horizontal line.

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director